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Title: In-line Holographic Mask for Micromachining	

**Preliminary Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.111**

**Amendment A**

Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment accompanying a divisional patent application. Please amend this application as follows. A fee for the divisional patent application is needed. A fee sheet and credit card payment form are attached. Also attached is a copy of the declaration, assignment, powers of attorney, specification, the drawings as filed in the parent case, the formal drawings as later filed in the parent case, and the IDS from the parent case.

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